

REMARKS


Applicants appreciate the examination of the present application that is evidenced by the final Official Action of September 13, 2007. In response to the Official Action, Applicants have submitted a request for continued examination and have amended Claims 1, 12, 18-25, 27 and 33-34 to further highlight the migration/transfer operations described throughout the original application, including paragraph 30. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has failed to establish a prima facie case of obviousness with respect to original Claims 18, 20-24 and 33. In particular, the final Official Action provides the following rationales for rejecting Claims 18, 20-24 and 33 at pages 6, 9, 11:

- 8. Claims 13, **20** and 28 are rejected for the same reasons as per claim 2.
- 17. Claims 6, **24**, 29 and 32 are rejected for the same reasons as per claim 3.
- 23. Claims 15, **22**, 30 and **33** are rejected for the same reasons as per claim 4.
- 24. Claims 16, **23** and 31 are rejected for the same reasons as per claim 5.
- 25. Claims 17 and **21** are rejected for the same reasons as per claim 3.
- 26. Claim **18** is rejected for the same reasons as per claim 11.

However, original Claims 18, 20-24 and 33 contain material recitations relating to data migration/transfer in response to generation of an "indication" that are nowhere contained in Claims 2-5 and 11 or suggested by the cited prior art references, including Brown, Marinissen and Yamada. Thus, Applicants submit that it is improper for the Examiner to claim that the bases for rejecting Claims 2-5 and 11 entirely support the additional rejections of Claims 18, 20-24 and 33. Finally, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons that all independent claims have been amended to highlight data migration/transfer operations, which are performed in response to generation of an indication that at least two fault maps contain differences.

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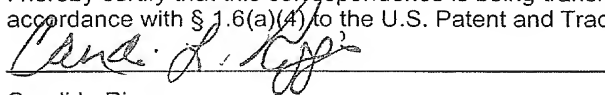
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